

# match. That forgetfulness took him to the gallows. The tracing of John Robinson gave the police quite a lot of work. His was a trunk crime. To appreciate all the difficulties, or most of them, in this murder case, one must go back to May 6th, 1927, when a man drove up in a taxi-cab to Charing Cross railway station and deposited a rather shabby trunk in the cloakroom. The letter "A" was printed on each end of the trunk, and the initials "I.F.A." on the top. Having left the trunk in the cloakroom, this man hailed another taxi and drove off, but as he entered the cab he dropped the cloakroom ticket. A passing newsboy saw the ticket flutter down to the road. The newsboy took the ticket back to the cloakroom and handed it over to the attendant. On the 10th May, owing to On the 10th May, owing to a complaint by the cloakroom men, the police opened the trunk. It contained the dismembered body of a woman. Scotland Yard was called in, Yorkshire Pud's Awaiting You A.B. GEORGE MARRINER

HEY! Able Seaman George lar egg. No, sir! She puts dred happy youngsters who Matthew Marriner, of River one egg on one side, then restreet, Seiby, Yorks. Suppose plenishes it whenever she gets the First Lieutenant gave you another—so that she always has a magic coin that would grant a fresh egg in the house, just you one wish. What would you wish for?

We know! You'd wish for one of your mother's famous Yorkshire puds, served up with some roast beef—and then you'd want to round the meal off with a generous hunk of apple pie, as only she can make it.

Wel, here's letting you into a big secret. Since you last went your mates. Gather round, back to base, Ma has been saving a shell egg to make you one George's Ma was a cook in of those swell puds. Now, don't private service before she marget us wrong—we don't mean ried, and she's now back on the that she is saving this particu-

ON July 11th, 1927, a tall man, with good features, wavy hair, and a frank, open face, stood in the dock before Mr. Justice Swift. The name of the prisoner was John Robinson. He was charged with murder

John Robinson had omitted to destroy a bloodstained match. That forgetfulness took him to the gallows.

treet?
All's well at home, George, and Mother sends her fondest love.
Good Hunting!

And Home Town News-For

BUCKET DRILL.

IN a south-west raid an incendiary dropped on the roof of a night watchman's hut and bounced off into the road.

Fire guards rushed to the scene. But, pouf! the flames disappeared as if by magic.

"What did you do with it?" they asked that imperturbable of blinkin' fire-bucket on 'em."

"Oh, that! Oi just tipped m' blinkin' fire-bucket on 'em."

ABERDONIAN TRIP?

BUCKET DRILL.

IN the dear, daft days beyond recall people set up records and the scene states for pole-squatting. We smiled superiorly at these antics, and yet at midnight, not because of the antics of a man they asked that imperturbable on the roof of a 60ft.-high building.

This curious exhibitionist balanced himself on chimneys and walked along narrow ledges, and then climbed a flagpole and stood calmly puffing a cigarette.

An old lady rushed into the collecting depot to say that and walked along narrow ledges, and then climbed a flagpole and stood calmly puffing a cigarette.

THE other day, at Taynuilt, Argyllshire, there was great excitement when a man was seen clinging to a buffer of a passenger train, travelling between 60 and 70 miles an hour, between Taynuilt and Achnacloich.

Pall officials and stood calmly left his ration book in one of them!

Out turned the N.F.S. An Believe it or not, the scruding stood in the special control of them in the police of them in the property of

between 60 and 70 miles an hour, between Taynuilt and Achnacloich.

Rail officials got in touch with officials at the next station, Achnacloich, four miles away, but when the train got there the man had disappeared.

Perhaps he was an Aberdonian and had dropped off to find a threepenny-piece that had been shuggled out of his pocket.

OVERHEARD IN TORQUAY.

"WE never have any arguments now as to who shall fetch up the coals, darling. We instinct the police got novels, scientific works, etc.—and found the ration book.

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ARD here is another strange but true occurrence.

Mr. Henry Robb, the Leith shipbuilder, distributing certificates to students in Edinburgh, said that he had recently received a certificate for proficiency in science and marine mercantile architecture which he had gained as a boy at Ayr in 1896.

An education official, going over some old documents, had a mission to study post-war very proud to get it.

letters, "F. AUSTIN TO ST. Robinson.

LEONARDS." Among a quantity of bloodstained clothing inside the trunk were a garment marked "P. Holt" and others with various laundry marks. The first thing the police sought was "F. Austin," at St. Leonards. They found an F. Austin, but he soon proved hewas not the Austin wanted.

There was a family named the police found that Edwards and Co. did not do any business worth talking about. There was a typist who read books and; owdered her face; and Mr. John Robinson spent much of his time going out for drinks.

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There was a family named Holt living in Chelsea, to whom one of the garments was traced. This brought the information that the dead woman had been engaged, under the name of Mrs. Robinson had been living near Camberwell Green, and had left, telling his landlady that he was going into the country. He had not gone farther than Kennington. Mr. Robinson was asked to come to Stuart Martin

Stuart Martin

Fire - balloons was the name given to the first balloons. The lifting nower was hot air produced by a brazier under the bag, which was open at the hottom. They were also called Montgolfieres, after the inventor, Montgolfier.

And that is what happened to John Robinson. Finding the time dragging in that waiting-room, he went through all the stages—and then broke. Cornish was told by the policeman who was with Robinson that the latter wanted him to come and "he would tell him all about it."

Before Cornish allowed Robinson to start talking he did the usual tring. He told Robinson that he need not make a statement unless he wanted to, and warned him that if he made one it would all be taken down in writing, and "might be used against him."

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sion follows. The confession is generally the truth, or much of it.

So there was Robinson in the net. But not quite. Not quite. For his statement was no confession of murder.

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He said that he had met the woman at Victoria Station casually. As she seemed to be at a loose end he asked her to have a drink, and when he told her he had an office in Rochester Row she suggested coming back with him. As his typist had left for the day, Robinson went back with Mrs. Bonati "because he was glad of someone to talk to."

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But (said Robinson), when they were in the office he sat down to write a letter; and, when he had finished, the woman started to tell him a hard-up story and asked for money. He refused to give her any; she became abusive, raged at him, and "came towards him threateningly." He pushed her away. She bent down to pick up "something" from the fireplace and came towards him. Then he hit her. She fell backward, struck a chair, and so remained.

scotland Yard and have a talk with Det. Inspr. Cornish.

He came, and proved very and went home. But next affable. He told the story of morning the body was still his life frankly, even admitting that he had made an He panicked, and ultimately error and become a bigamist. He had been a gentleman of put her in a trunk.

By a curious coincidence, he bought a carving knife from the Army for the 1914 war, discharged in 1923, had been a bookmaker, greengrocer, milkman, van driver, barman, and finally estate agent.

He denied that he knew and the proposed a chair, and so remained.

Thinking she would revive and then go away, he left her and then go away her left her

but her in a trunk.

By a curious coincidence, he bought a carving knife from the very same shop that Patrick Mahon, the Crumbles murderer, got his knife to do his carving-up of another woman.

Well, that was Robinson's defence. He had absolutely no motive for killing her, and his counsel at the trial suggested that Minnie Bonati had died of suffocation, her face buried in the cushion.

te cushion.

It seemed a good defence, for the prosecution could not suggest a real motive for murder, either; but the defence was blown sky-high when Sir Bernard Spilsbury proved that Mrs. Bonati had been strangled. And only Robinson, on his own showing, could have strangled her.

men to make a more detailed examination.

In a waste-paper basket these two men found a match with bloodstains on it.

They had also found a check duster in the trunk beside the body, with bloodstains. When that duster was washed the word "Greyhound" was revealed. Next step: "Greyhound" was the name of a pub. Robinson had been a barman. Moreover, the girl' he had bigamously married had been employed at a "Greyhound."

See how the trail moves now? Once again Robinson was visited and asked to come and see Cornish at the Yard. He got up out of bed and came—with police officers.

Let me here say there is an old, old test that has been worked from time immemorial, not only at the Yard, but elsewhere. They let him cool his heels in the waiting-room. It doesn't do any harm, and it often does good. Not knowing how much the other fellows know, the man in the waiting-room gradually gets uneasy, then nervous; and if he is highly strung he often breaks down, and a confest Of course, there was no excuse for carving her up and putting her inside a trunk; but they could not hang him for that alone.

If he hadn't thrown that bloodstained match into the waste-paper basket Robinson might have escaped the gallows. But the match hanged him.

Your letters are welcome! Write to " Good Morning " c/o Press Division. Admiralty. London, S.W.1

Light"—was hanged

and Chief Detective Inspector
(as he was then) Cornish took
charge of the investigations.
He expected it to be a tough
case. It was.

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tamily, but in a been disappeared, it cannot go into all the labour of the police, but will summarise the stages of the investigation. A Mr. Roles was discovered who had lived with this "Mrs. Roles," but not as his legal wife.

Next revelation was that "Mrs. Roles" really was Mrs. Bonati, wife of an Italian waiter in London. He identified her without hesitation. More inquiries led to the truth that Minnie Bonati was given to meeting men, that she was a woman of intemperate habits and had a vile temper. But all this did not get the murderer. The trunk was found to have been bought in Brixton. The dealer who sold it remembered the letters "A" in white and the other initials. So that meant that the letters did not belong to the murderer at all.

A cabman and the conductor of an omnibus, on which wheicles a man and trunk had been driven to Rochester Row, were found.

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## STRANGE—TRUE

The word "maim" comes from the legal term "may-hem," still commonly used in American law, and it refers to the maiming of a person to deprive him of his means of self-defence.

Women of Iceland have no hot-water problem on washing day, for the island abounds in hot springs, to which they carry the dirty clothes.

15 Virile,
17 Border on.
18 Part of shoe,
19 Age.
21 Impetuous.
25 Perform.
28 Mineral,
29 Stamp.
30 Cast.
32 Ill-mannered
man

33 Locks, 34 Girl's name 36 Direction, 37 Wrenches, 39 Fat boat, 40 Mildly,

Solution to Prob-lem in No. 294.

PART VI

# el señor

The Exciting Life Story of a **Roving Adventurer** 

## 15 Newcombis Short odd—But true

The "gondola of London" was the name given by Lord Beaconsfield to the hansom cab. This two-wheeled one-horse vehicle, invented by Joseph A. Hansom in 1843, was a common means of travel in London and other of our cities before the coming of the petrol-taxi.

Hara-kiri, or "happy despatch," the custom of suicide by compulsion, is no longer permitted in Japan. The condemned person gave him-self the first cut, and if his courage failed after that, a friend finished the job.

The swiftest known purgative is jalap, a drug made from the roots of certain herbaceous plants of the Mexican Andes, growing 6,000 to 8,000 feet up.

The Janissaries were Turkish foot soldiers who acted as the Sultan's bodyguard, and their cruelties were so terrible that, about a hundred years ago, the people rose against them and massacred many thousands, after which they were disbanded.

# for today

An anchorite is a shell-sailor, insect, measure of hermit, attendant on a hermit, attendant on a ANTHROPOLOGY,

Who wrote (a) The Span-Gypsy, (b) The Spanish

priest?

2. Who wrote (a) The Spanish Gypsy, (b) The Spanish Tragedy?

3. Which of the following is an intruder, and why: Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats. Cabbage, Potato, Cauliflower?

4. What is the popular name for cirro-cumulus clouds?

5. How many ships sailed in the Spanish Armada, and how many returned?

6. Which came first, the Plague of London or the Fire of London?

7. Which of the following are mis-spelt: Dogmatise, Dispence, Dispurage, Distaff, Debouch, Demurage?

8. Who is the Delai Lama?

9. What is the speed of a flying goose?

10. What do Americans call "Old Glory"?

11. How did Samson lose his

"Old Glory"?

11. How did Samson lose his

strength?
12. Which county was represented by the red rose in the Wars of the Roses?

# Answers to Quiz

in No. 294

Drink.
(a) Haeckel, (b) Erskine Childers.
3. Ireland is an island; others

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4. 66.
5. It is so salt that ordinary fish cannot live in it.
6. Spofforth (Australian).
7. Occultism, Osteopath.
8. Mr. A. E. Saunders, with Kingsway.
9. From right to left.
10. 68 m.p.h.
11. No (it has been flown over).

over). 12. Green, white and orange.

# "CHANGEE FOR CHANGEE, SA

Roving Cameraman

WHEN the Boer War was over, I had a few weeks on the beach in Calcutta, having been paid off from a ship in the Hoogly. In those days fo'c'sle hands regarded Calcutta as their own particular playground—Palm Beach and Monte Carlo rolled into one. For next to nothing a man could be fitted up in a white suit and sun-helmet. If he did not feel like paying the modest rent of the Strand Road Sailors' Home it was warm enough to sleep beneath the bushes on the Maidan. Huge feeds of curry could be had for a few annas.

With nearly a thousand parrots aboard, the row was terible. No sooner would one pick up a word than they would all learn it, the shrieking, yelling and cackling sounding like and sustence that man used to rent five shillings a time to distinct the shrieking, yelling and cackling sounding like and caps, play his merchandise to his black, grinning customers. He had watches and caps, mouth - organs, necklaces, pipes, playing-cards, hair oil and soap. On a good trip he cleared from three to four hundred pounds, and said that the only reason the days were not in the trade was that they would have to shovel neal to get up there.

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Lying back in a gharry, with a huge cheroot in the corner of his mouth, poor Jack would not have called the king his uncle. He could eat, drink and be merry in the very wide sense the sailor understands the words, and still have something left out of Liverpool in the "Sailor understands the words, and still have something left out of Liverpool in the "Back, ana," and later in the "Boni," owned by the Elder Dempster Cline. These ships are known to sailors as the Monkey Mailboats, as at one time they brought back large numbers of apes from the West Coast of Africa to be used for scientific experiments. In those d ayes many of the men did trading on their own account, and made a good thing out of it. I remember my surprise when one

### MIXED DOUBLES

The following are jumbles of pairs of words or things or people often associated together; for instance, "Ducks and Drakes," etc.

(a) SWIM MERE TURN.

(b) CONFIRMS FEE.

(Answers on Page 3.)

### MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

Guess the name of this Mediterranean Port from the following clues to its letters:—





WAR DANCE OF THE IMPIS.

Remember Rider Haggard's brilliant stories of the Zulu warriors who "stamped the earth flat" when they went to war? That was in the days of Lobengula and Chaka the Terrible. And this is the Zulu of to-day going through the same dance of defiance on the same land; but it is the white man who has "stamped the earth flat" now. And there are no impis (armies). For these Zulus are workers in the Rand, and their link with the past is performed in play—which is just as well.



# CROSSWORD CORNER 9 Golf stroke 11 Reduce, 13 Recipient, 14 Brilliant colour

CLUES DOWN.

Baker's shovel. 5 Nix, 6 Boy's name, 7 Mop. 8 Chafe, 10 Outlets, 12 Oily liquid, 16 Ardent wish, 18 Ire, 20 Unfold, 22 Bovine sound, 23 Difficulty, 24 Through this, 26 Engrave, 27 Nonsense, 31 Spoken, 32 Farm building, 35 Scottish river, 38 Short, street,

When I found that the parrot trade was a whited sepulchre, I joined the Booth liner "Gregory" as a greaser, and went to Brazil. In Parnahyba I saw the biggest man it has ever been my, luck to come across, a full-blood negro of about thirty-five. He must have been six feet eight in height, and bulged with muscles like those strong men you see in advertisements. He never seemed to do anything except lie in the shade, taking no notice of anybody, although there were always three or four nigger girls squatting nearby.

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I asked a Customs officer about him, and he told me that the big man had been imported at Government expense to increase the local population. Plans had been made to develop the port considerably, and it was essential to ensure an adequate reserve of wharflabour for the future. I wanted to know what salary the black Samson got for his services, but the Customs man only shrugged his shoulders and said, "Money? What does that black animal want with money? What would he spend it on?"

(To be continued.)

# USELESS EUSTACE COMMO

"So I left an eye in one of our potatoes, did I?"

## HUMOUR QUOTES

The Government was contemplating the dispatch of an expedition to Burma, with a view to taking Rangoon, and a question arose as to who would be the fittest general to be sent in command of the expedition. The Cabinet sent for the Duke of Wellington and asked his advice. He instantly replied, "Send Lord Combermere."

"But we have always understood that your Grace thought Lord Combermere a fool."

"So he is a fool, and a

fool."
"So he is a fool, and a damned fool; but he can take Rangoon."
G. W. E. Russell's "Collections and Recollections."

### NUMERICAL PUZZLE

A BOY had 10 sixpenny sav A BOY had 10 sixpenny savings stamps on his card.
Two people gave him 20 more between them to enable him to buy a 15/- certificate. If only, he thought, one had given me 5/- stamps and the other 2/6 stamps, instead of 6d. ones, I should have enough to buy four certificates instead of one. How many 6d. stamps did each give him?

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# WANGLING WORDS-250

1. Put harsh in BAM and make a conveyance.
2. Rearrange the letters of ANY ON THE END to make a Cabinet Minister (two words).
3. Altering one letter at a time, and making a new word with each alteration, change: EASY into COME, WOLF into LAMB, DOGS into HAIR, LONG into MILE.
4. How many four-letter and five-letter words can you make from SALVAGED?

### Answers to Wangling Words-No. 249

1. PERseverE. 2. GILBERT AND SULLI 2. GILBERT AND SULLIVAN.
3. BAKE, BATE, BATS, BITS, PITS, PIES.
PALE, PALL, PAIL, PAID, SAID, SLID, SLED, SPED, APED, AGED, AGES, ALES, WINE, FINE, FIND, FOND, FOOD, WOOD.
MAIL, MAIN, RAIN, RAID, LAID, LAND, LANE, PANE, PANS, PAYS, DAYS.
4. Ria, Rot, Rat, Lit, Tar, Tor, Lot, Art, Ort, etc.
Rail, Liar, Lair, Tail, Toil, Rota, Alto. Trio, Oral, Riot, etc.

etc. Trail, Trial—etc.

### BEELZEBUB JONES









BELINDA









POPEYE







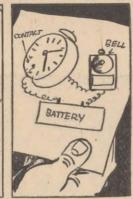


RUGGLES









**GARTH** 





BALLAST-BUT --





JUST JAKE









# GOOD HUNTING By CLARK GABLE

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my Seagley-Spring.
day.
"I hope the bear doesn't read this, because big-game hunters tell me the grizzly is the smartest, toughest, gamest animal that walks on four feet.



"A friend of mine who has bagged both bear and tiger tells me that knocking over a tiger is like hunting in a zoo compared to going after a grizzly in his native haunts.

"From him I got the impression that the well-equipped bear hunter should carry an elephant gun, two .45's, and a knife in his teeth. That's recommendation enough for anyone who enjoys hunting as I do.

"I get a great kick out of being in the open, bacon and coffee cooked over a camp fire, the chase, and matching wits with an animal.

"Unexpected situations come up that give me a real thrill. I always travel light. If I get a chance at an animal like a cougar. I go after him. I also don't mind shooting a tiger. He's a killer, anyhow.

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a real thrill. I always travel light. If I get a chance at an animal like a cougar: I go after him. I also don't mind shooting a tiger. He's a killer, anyhow.

"But I am sentimental about that bear I have a date with. I am going after him with a camera-gun. It's built just like a rifle. When you've got him you pull the trigger. The kick comes out of developing the negative, and seeing whether you would have hit or missed.

"Of course, I'll have a rifle close at hand. The bear might think I was serious and get peeved, and a mad grizzly, I'm told, is more dangerous than a hit-and-rum driver.

"Hunting is a real adventure, because you can never be certain what you will run into. Any animal will fight if it's cornered.

"I had a cougar chase me once. It happened in the Kalbab Forest in Arizona. I had a dead shot at a fine one not a hundred yards off, but he looked so proud standing there I couldn't pull, the trigger. I had him in sight for a full ten seconds. I don't know whether he saw me, and, to tell the truth, I didn't wait to find out, but he put his head down and started right for the thicket where I was crouching. I heard the whistle as he went by.

"Some of the most bountiful hunting country! have ever seen is in the Canadian Rockies, above Vancouver.

"I had a funny experience in Canada. We got our quarry the first day, and because we were travelling light, figured the food problem down to a fine point.

"That night a wolverine got away with what meat we had on hand, and we didn't even get a snack out of the food bag.

"Next to hunting, the greatest sport in the world is fishing. When I hooked my first steelhead on the Rogue River in Oregon, I figured after five minutes that I had snagged a tenton truck with the motor wide open. After ten minutes I decided I hadn't caught the salmon, it had caught me. I got him right up to the boat, ready for the gaff. The salmon took one look at me and started back for the ocean. Forty-five minutes later I landed him.

"Right then I decided it was a fine way to wind up th

Answers to Mixed Doubles (a) SUMMER & WINTER. (b) OFFICERS & MEN. Solution to Mediterranean Ports. TARRAGONA.

Solution to Numerical Puzzle 2 and 18; 2 × 5/- (10/-), 18 × 2/6 (£2/5/0), and 10 × 6d. (5/-), total £3, enough for four 15/- certificates.

# Bonnie Scotland

The swirling waters of the river Dee at its source, near Braemar.





"If Dad is expecting this to wake him for work in the morning, then I can certainly expect a smacked bottom before breakfast!"



"You're nothing like so cute as a kid-monkey; but I must admit you're much more easy to handle."



"Yes, and, do you know, they don't miss a thing. They're all eyes and ears."



Just a bathing suit, that's all; but lovely Lucille Ball sure makes it outstanding.

